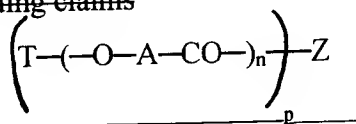


In the Claims

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15. (currently amended) A process method for drop-on-demand printing an image on a substrate comprising applying a printing ink to the substrate by ink jet printing with an ink comprising a pigment, non-aqueous medium and a dispersant of formula 1 thereto ~~by means of a drop-on-demand ink jet printer a printing ink according to any one of the preceding claims~~



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wherein

T is hydrogen or a polymerization terminating group;

A is C<sub>8-20</sub>-alkylene;

Z is the residue of a polyamine or polyimine wherein the number-average molecular weight is from 5,000 to 100,000;

n is from 2 to 20;

p is not less than 2; and

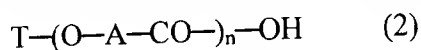
the weight ratio of (T-(-O-A-CO)<sub>n</sub>)-<sub>p</sub> to Z is from 7:1 to 20:1.

16. (currently amended) A substrate printed with an ink ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 13, or by means of the process method~~ according to Claim 15. 15

17. (cancelled)

18. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the weight ratio of  $(T-(O-A-CO)_n)_p$  to Z is from 9:1 to 13:1. 2

19. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the dispersant is obtained by reacting the polyamine or polyimine with an end-capped polyoxyalkylene-carbonyl acid or polyoxyalkenylenecarbonyl acid (TPOAC acid) of formula 2:



where T, A, and n are as defined. 3

20. (new) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the TPOAC acid is derived from 12-hydroxystearic acid. 4

21. (new) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the TPOAC has a number-average molecular weight of from 800 to 2000. 5

22. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein Z is the residue of polyethyleneimine. 6

23. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the non-aqueous medium is an aromatic or aliphatic hydrocarbon or mixture thereof. 7

24. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the ink additionally comprises a  $C_{10-30}$ -aliphatic fatty alcohol. 8

25. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the non-aqueous medium has a solubility parameter of  $7.0 \text{ MPa}^{1/2}$  or less. 9

26. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the ink additionally 10

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27. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the ink additionally comprises a Receding Meniscus Velocity (RMV) modifier.

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28. (new) A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the RMV modifier is a linear phenolic polymer.

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29. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the ink has a viscosity at 25 °C of less than 50 cP.

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30. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the weight ratio of (T-(-O-A-CO)<sub>n</sub>)-<sub>p</sub> to Z is from 7:1 to 13:1.

31. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the weight ratio of (T-(-O-A-CO)<sub>n</sub>)-<sub>p</sub> to Z is from 10:1 to 13:1.

32. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein Z is the residue of a polyamine.

33. (new) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein Z is the residue of a polyimine.

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